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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-13 are now in the application. To expedite allowance of the patent application, Claims 14-21, which were previously withdrawn, have now been canceled without disclaimer and without prejudice. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to FIG. 2 for certain informalities contained therein.

To correct the identified informalities, the Applicant submits herewith an annotated sheet with markings in red to illustrate the changes made. In addition, the Applicant has amended the specification (i.e., the paragraph at page 10, line 27 to page 11, line 5) to be consistent with the changes made to the drawings. Moreover, to expedite the issuance of this application into a patent, proposed replacement formal drawing sheets incorporating the changes shown have been submitted with this Amendment.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,546,520.

The Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-13 are in condition for allowance.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please amend FIG. 2 as shown on the attached annotated FIG.
2. A full set of replacement drawings is enclosed.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



FIG. 2

